

# WHAT IS NEW IN ARKIVDIGITAL?

## SUMMARY

ArkivDigital (<http://www.arkivdigital.net>) provides online access to Swedish historical records. As of September 2017, the online archive consists of over 73 million newly colored photographed images or about 146 million pages of historical records. 600,000 new images are added monthly.

## WEB VERSION (APP.ARKIVDIGITAL.SE)

1. All updates to product are only in web version.
2. Recommended browser, Chrome, but will work in Firefox, Edge and Safari but some features may not exist. Does not work in Internet Explorer.

## SEARCH IN ARKIVDIGITAL 2.0

### Start Screen

<b>Search Archive</b>	Click – open the search archive
FAQ	Link to customer service contact information and frequently asked questions
Buy subscription	Link to purchase subscription page
News	Link to English blog
Settings	Link to change language settings, mouse zoom speeds, presentation view and advanced settings such as number of images in cache

## SEARCH METHODS

1. Archive Search
2. Index Search (Search by name)

## ARCHIVE SEARCH METHODS

1. Enter archive name in search box.
2. Select by archive type.
3. Select by county.
  - a. All counties within Sweden are listed
  - b. Åland in Finland
  - c. States in United States where Swedish American churches have been photographed.
  - d. Utlandsförsamlingar (Swedish churches in other countries)
4. Select by province.

## COMMONLY USED ARCHIVES

Archive Name	Description
<b>Barnhus</b>	Orphanage
<b>Chamber</b>	National tax register collection
<b>City Court</b>	City court records and estate inventories
<b>Country Office</b>	County tax registers
<b>District Court</b>	District court records and estate inventories
<b>District Register</b>	District tax registers
<b>Flygbilder</b>	Aerial Photographs (Only in All-in-one)
<b>Military</b>	Military records
<b>Parish/Congregation</b>	Parish church book archives
<b>Police archives</b>	Passenger ship manifests
<b>Prison archives</b>	Prison records
<b>Printed Literature</b>	Tryckt litteratur – Grill
<b>Registers</b>	Name and Emigration Registers
<b>SCB</b>	Extracts of birth, marriage and death records 1925 - 1946

## ARCHIVE UPDATES

### CHURCH BOOKS

ArkivDigital's online library includes the church books from the earliest times (1600's) to 1894 for all of Sweden (birth, marriage, death, household examinations, moving in/out and church accounts) as well as the modern church books (1895-1946) as far as is allowed by privacy regulations.

### ESTATE INVENTORIES

Estate inventories for all of Sweden from the earliest times (1700's) to 1930 are in ArkivDigital. Estate inventories between 1930 and 1960 are currently being photographed.

### COURT RECORDS

There are many court records on ArkivDigital. The company has made the decision to have customers request which court records they want to have photographed. You can order a court book to be photographed by going to <https://www.arkivdigital.se/bestallningsfotografering>.

- Select the county
- Then select the *härad* or archive
- Then select volume and purchase

The cost is 195 SEK or about \$24. It will take about 45 days for the volume to be photographed and then added to ArkivDigital. Once added the volume is available to all customers.

### SCB RECORDS

The birth, marriage and death extracts from *Statistiska centralbyråns* (SCB or Bureau of Central Statistics) for the years 1925 to 1946 are now available in ArkivDigital. The SCB extracts are organized by county and year. This means that we have been able to photograph all parishes through the year 1946

You will find the SCB extracts in the archive with the long name, *Statistiska centralbyrån (SCB) – Avdelningen för befolkningsstatistik 1:a avdelningen*. The easiest way to find this archive is to enter “SCB” in the search box and you will be directed to the archive. Each volume specifies which county and year it covers. If nothing else is mentioned, the volume includes birth, marriage and death records for that year. In other cases, there may be an abbreviation specifying the types of records the volume includes. The abbreviations are: *fbu* (birth records), *vbu* (marriage records) and *dbu* (death records).

#### SEARCH FOR SCB RECORDS

1. Go to archive search.
2. Enter SCB in the search box.
3. Select *Statistiska centralbyrån (SCB) - Avdelningen för befolkningsstatistik 1:a avdelningen*.
4. Books are organized by year and then county.
5. Review the info box to determine the volume contents such as birth, marriage or death records.
6. Currently, the books are not indexed, so you will need to browse the book to find your parish.

#### SWEDISH AMERICAN CHURCH RECORDS

*ArkivDigital's* online library includes many Swedish American church books from Kansas and a few from Missouri, Oklahoma. We are currently photographing in Minnesota and Nebraska. Today we have 97 congregations in Kansas and nearly 50 congregations in Minnesota online. While the record types will vary by parish, the most common sets of records found in the books include:

1. Congregation records or church registers (*Församlingsböcker*)
2. Birth and christening records (*Födelse- och dopböcker*)
3. Marriage records (*Vigselböcker*)
4. Death and burial records (*Död- och begravningsböcker*)
5. Catechetical records (*Konfirmationsbok*)
6. Protocols (*Protokoll*)
7. Accountings (*Räkenskaper*)
8. Member reception records (*Intagna medlemmar*)
9. Member dismissal records (*Utträdde medlemmar*)
10. Anniversary documents (*Jubileumsskrift*)

You can find the Swedish American church books by selecting, county and then state within the county list.

#### SEARCHING IN THE SWEDISH AMERICAN CHURCH RECORDS

One can search in the Swedish American Church Records to discover where in Sweden a person came from or to discover more about the person's life in North America. The detail and content in the Swedish American church books do vary by time, minister and religious denomination. The Lutheran church books tend to have some standardization and more detail than other denominations but again that will vary by congregation.

To begin your search, you will need a name and a location.

1. Look for church books for the town where ancestor lived.
2. If there are several denominations; the suggested order for searching in the church books is as follows:
  - a. Begin with the Lutheran church books since most were Lutherans, then proceed to Covenant, Methodist, Baptist or other church book denominations in that order.
  - b. If you don't find the person in the church books, you may want to search in the church books in a nearby town that is in the same county or nearby county.

#### CASE STUDY — BEGIN IN CONGREGATION BOOK (CHURCH REGISTER)

We want to find out where Carl Carlson who lived in Lindsborg, Kansas and was Lutheran came from in Sweden. We have been told that he was born around 1835, his wife's name is Emma and one of his children was named David.

- Go to ArkivDigital search window.
- Click on advanced options and select county type.
- Select the archive for Kansas (USA).
- Search for the Lindsborg Lutheran church archives.
- You will find that there are 3 Lutheran churches in Lindsborg.
  - Lindsborg Lutheran Bethany Church
  - Lindsborg Freemount Lutheran Church
  - Lindsborg Messiah Lutheran Church
- Select the first in the list: Lindsborg Lutheran Bethany Church.
  - The info box above the archive list names the county where Lindsborg is located which is McPherson. On the right side is a list of volumes available for this congregation. For this parish, there are three congregation books all beginning in the year 1869 with different end years.
- Search for congregation books and click on each congregation book and see if there is a name register in the book. In the info box above the volume list, the name index will be noted with the entry "*med personregister*". You will notice that one appears for the volume, Lindsborg Bethany Lutheran Church, Kansas, USA Vol: 2 (1869-1886). Not all congregation books have name registers. In those cases, where there are none, you will need to browse through the book page by page.
- Open the book and you will see an indexed name register. Search for Carl Carlson. *Lindsborg Bethany Lutheran Church, Kansas, USA Vol: 2 (1869-1886) Image 9 (AID: v812465a.b9)*
- While there are no Carl Carlsson's, there are the following entries in the list:
  - Carlson C. J. 25
  - Carlson C (Sec 28) 96
  - "(Sec 30) 83
- The numbers: 25, 96 and 83 to the right of the names in this case represent an entry number in the church register. Sometimes the number represents a page number. The minister did not repeat the name on the third line but only indicated that it was the same name by a ditto mark.
- Go to entry 25 to see if the information matches.

- You will find the record at the following reference: *Lindsborg Bethany Lutheran Church, Kansas, USA Vol: 2 (1869-1886) Image 37 / page 7 (AID:v812465a.b37.s7)*. The record is not a match.
- Go to entry #96.
- You will find the family at the following reference: *Lindsborg Bethany Lutheran Church, Kansas, USA Vol: 2 (1869-1886) Image 50 / page 20 (AID:v812465a.b50.s20)*

## AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

ArkivDigital has acquired several million aerial photos from Svenska Aero-Bilder AB. This collection contains millions of aerial photographs of farms, cottages, villas, petrol stations and much more from the 1950's to the present day from all over Sweden. This project is just beginning and many photographs from around the country have been added. At the moment, farm places and houses have not been indexed.

To locate photos for an area, do the following:

1. Go to archive search and select category, *flygbilder*.
2. Then select *flygkartor* (aerial maps) for the desired county.
3. In this case, open the photos for Svenska AeroBilder or SAB:1.
4. Explore the maps to find the desired area and then zoom in to determine an image series number e.g. E6952.
5. Go back to the *flygbilder* archive and search for Svenska Aero-Bilder Råkopior E:XXXX (SAB).
6. Open that archive and then scroll for volume E6952 and open that volume.

To read more about the project and how to view the records go to the following entry:

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/now-we-begin-to-add-aerial-photographs/>

## TAX REGISTERS

The tax/population registers (*mantalslängderna*) are an important replacement source in cases where the parish records have been destroyed. Even in cases where the church records have not been destroyed, the household examination records only go back to the early 1800's or late 1700's in many parishes.

The tax/population registers exist from the middle of the 1600's and while they are not as detailed as the household examination records; they do provide the possibility to continue to follow a family backwards. The tax/population registers contain the names of persons who were supposed to pay the personal tax (*mantalspengar*). These registers were created yearly.

Not all individuals were required to pay the personal tax. Exempt from the tax were the nobility and their servants, bishops, priests, professors, military personnel, poor, the unemployed and children under 15 years. Not all individuals are named in the registers.

There were three copies of the tax registers:

1. *Landskontoret (Länsräkskaperna)* (Regional Archives)
2. *Häradskrivaren* (Regional Archives)
3. *Kammarkollegiet* in Stockholm (National Archives of Stockholm)

ArkivDigital has photographed the copies that have been preserved in the regional archives primarily the district and city (*häradskrivarnas och städernas*) copies and the country office (*landskontor*) examples. (Note - **Country office** is how *landskontor* is translated in ArkivDigital.) Also, ArkivDigital is adding tax registers preserved at the National Archives of Stockholm (*Mantalslängder 1642-1820*) where there are gaps in the district and county registers.

The country office or *landskontor* copies of the tax/population registers (*mantalslängderna*) in ArkivDigital are found in the country office archive in the English interface and *landskontor* archive in the Swedish interface.

#### SEARCHING FOR TAX REGISTERS

- Select the country office archive.
- A list of the counties will appear on the left side.
- Select the desired county.
- On the right-hand side, you will find a list of records. You are interested in the population registers.
- Select the desired year.
- In the front of the book is an index listing for each parish.
- Go to the page number for the parish you are interested in.
- Place names (villages, farms, etc.) are not indexed, so you will need to browse the parish section page by page for the place.

The *häradskrivare* copies are in district register archive in the English interface or *häradskrivare* archive in the Swedish interface. These are primarily for the rural districts. You will find some of the population records for the cities in the following archives:

- City court or *rådhusrätt och magistrat*
- Crown treasurer or *kronerkassör*

*Mantalslängder 1642-1820* for Älvsborg County are found in the *kammararkiv* in the Swedish interface and the chamber archives in the English interface.

#### KEEP UPDATED ON NEW RECORDS AND FEATURES

We are publishing an English blog and posting updates once a week. The blog content covers a wide range of topics such as research tips, company news, notices about specials and much more. When something new happens, you can read it on our blog.

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